

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/891,441

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to application papers filed.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06252001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 03172003.08082001
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

THOMAS R. PEESO  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination.

According to the invention, digital data and associated. licensing data representing licensing rights is copied from a master storage medium to a target storage medium. The serial number information of said target storage medium is integrated into the appropriate portion of said digital data and into said licensing data, whereby the content of said digital data and the license rights associated with said licensing data stored on said target storage medium are self-authenticating.

In another embodiment, there comprises a computing device having read and write access to a master storage medium and a target storage medium, wherein said computing device copies digital data and associated licensing data representing licensing rights from the master storage medium to at least one of the plurality of target storage media, and wherein said computing device integrates the serial number information from said at least one of the plurality of target storage media into at least one file of said digital data and into said licensing data, whereby the content of said digital data and the license rights associated with said licensing data stored on said target storage medium are self-authenticating.

In still another embodiment, at least one content file for duplication is selected. Digital rights management (DRM) rights levels are set for each of said at least one content file. At least one content file is encrypted with unique key information for each of said at least one content file. Unique key information is stored in the header for each of said at least one content file

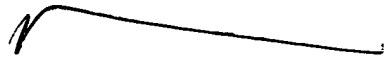
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and in a license file associated with said at least one content file. The at least one content file and the license file is stored in a master computer-readable medium and the at least one content file and said license file is copied from a master computer readable medium to a target computer-readable medium. The serial number information of said target computer-readable medium is integrated into the header of each of the at least one content file and into the license file, whereby the content of said at least one content file and the license rights associated with the license file stored on said target computer-readable medium are self-authenticating.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Peeso whose telephone number is 571 272-3809. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri, 7:00 to 3:30 .

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, can be reached on 571 272-3799.



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